Docket No.: 15162/0208

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a preliminary amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated November 27, 2002, for two additional months to April 27, 2003, is being filed concurrently.

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This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2002 which provides for a response period ending February 27, 2003. This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Amendment Format as set forth in the USPTO OG Notice "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted" of February 25, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: